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Re: Case No. 21-5915/21-5916/21-5999/21-6007, *G.S., et al v. Bill Lee*
Originating Case No. : 2:21-cv-02552

Dear Counsel,

The Court issued the enclosed Order today in this case.

Sincerely yours,

s/C. Anthony Milton
Case Manager
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cc: Mr. Thomas M. Gould
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Enclosure

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G.S., et al. (21-5915); M.B., et al. (21-
5916/6007); R.K., et al. (21-5999); ,

Plaintiffs-Appellees,

v.

GOVERNOR BILL LEE (21-5915/5916/5999),

Defendant-Appellant

and

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
(21-6007),

Defendant-Appellant.

ORDER

In Case Nos. 21-5915/5916/5999, the Governor of Tennessee appeals an order preliminarily enjoining enforcement of an executive order allowing parents to opt out of mask mandates implemented by local authorities. In Case No. 21-6007, the Knox County Board of Education appeals orders preliminarily enjoining, and denying a motion to alter or amend, enforcement of an executive order allowing parents to opt out of school mask mandates implemented by local entities. In Case Nos. 21-5915/5916/5999, the parties jointly move to consolidate the cases for purposes of briefing and submission.

Upon review, the parties' joint motions are **GRANTED**, and Case Nos. 21-5915/5916/5999 are consolidated for purposes of briefing and submission. The parties' proposed briefing schedule is adopted and will be entered by separate letter. Any decision regarding oral

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argument, including whether it is granted, the structure thereof, and the time allotted, is reserved to the ultimate merits panel.

In light of the commonality of parties and issues, Case No. 21-6007 will be submitted to the same panel for consideration on the same date as the consolidated cases.

ENTERED PURSUANT TO RULE 45(a)
RULES OF THE SIXTH CIRCUIT

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deborah S. Hunt", written in a cursive style.

Deborah S. Hunt, Clerk